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1. HIGHLIGHTS. FRIDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGED KISSINGER ON
DETENTE BEFORE SFRC; SATURDAY PAPERS FEATURED DOMESTIC;
WASHPOST FRONTPAGED DEADLOCK ON TRADE BILL CONTINUES.
SUNDAY PAPERS REPORTED FORD-GROMYKO TALKS ENDED; MONDAY
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MOSTLY DOMESTIC, NYTIMES FRONTPAGES FINNEY, US CONSIDERS

REDUCTION OF ATOMIC ARMS IN EUROPE.

1A. THURSDAY LATIMES HAD RUSK URGED NUCLEAR CUTS. FRIDAY NYTIMES HAD CONVENTIONAL ARMS CHANGE OUTPACES NUCLEAR RACE; PAPERS HAD STENNIS DENIES US NAVAL INFERIORITY. WASHPOST BRIEF REPORTED GREECE AND CYPRUS WARNED THEY WOULD BLOCK CSCE UNLESS TURKEY WITHDRAWS ITS INVASION FORCES FROM CYPRUS, ACCORDING WESTERN DELEGATES IN GENEVA. WASHPOST OBERDORFER SEOUL REPORTED US COMMANDERS ARE RESISTING SUGGESTIONS THAT AMERICAN ATOMIC ARMS BE REMOVED. WASHPOST GETLER FEATURE ON THE GREAT WARPLANE CHARADE NOTED CONGRESSIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE APPROVED 320 MILLIONS FOR 36 WARPLANES NOT ASKED FOR BY PENTAGON.

1B. SATURDAY INSIDE PAPERS HAD MOSCOW REVERSES SELF, WILL

LET ARTISTS SHOW WORK; WASHPOST HAD VIENNA REPORT, INDIA GIVES US PLEDGE ON ATOMIC FUEL.

1C. SUNDAY PAPERS REPORTED SOVIET JOURNAL ACCUSES COLUMBIA AND HARVARD OF HARBORING SOVIET STUDIES DEPARTMENTS THAT WERE INVOLVED IN SUBVERSION AGAINST COMMUNISM AND SOVIET UNION. SUNDAY WASHSTAR SAYS MOSCOW HAS CRITICIZED FORD FOR PLANNING TRIP TO PARK'S REPRESSIVE REGIME IN SEOUL. NYTIMES MIDDLETON HAD SUNDAY REVIEW PIECE, COULD US ATOM BOMB BE STOLEN? SAYS OFFICIAL ANSWER IS NO, BUT RESPONSIBLE CRITICS SAY YES.

1D. MONDAY WASHPOST MOSCOW ITEM REPORTS BREZHNEV ILL, UNABLE TO RECEIVE IRAQI FONMIN; POST ALSO HAS GOSHKO BRUSSELS, UNEASINESS IN EUROPE OVER HAIG.

2. ARMS STORIES. THURSDAY LATIMES WASHINGTON UPI REPORTED RUSK URGED US AND SOVIET UNION TO REDUCE THEIR NUCLEAR STOCK PILES TO VANISHING POINT, UPI ADDING RUSK SAID HE SUPPORTED SALT ONE BUT WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT THESE AGREEMENTS ARE SOMEWHAT LIKE BUILDING A DAM ONE-EIGHTH OF THE WAY ACROSS A RIVER.

2A. FRIDAY NYTIMES EDER LONDON REPORTED FRANCOIS DUCHENE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S ISSUE OF "THE MILITARY BALANCE" (INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES) THAT THE BALANCE OF MILITARY POWER MAY HAVE SHIFTED MORE OVER THE LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF CHANGES IN THE NATURE AND DEPLOYMENT OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS THAN BECAUSE OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS RACE. DUCHENE REPORTED NO GREAT CHANGE IN GENERAL BALANCE BETWEEN NATO AND WARSAW PACT FORCES, BUT SUGGESTED THAT SUPERIORITY OF WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES IN TANK FORCES MAY

BE ERODED BY FUTURE ADVENT OF NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS, PARTICULARLY PRECISION-GUIDED MUNITIONS AND ANTI-TANK AND AIR-DEFENSE MISSILES.

2B. FRIDAY WASHSTAR JOHNSTON LOCAL SAID KISSINGER ADMITTED THAT UNIFIED BARGAINING POSITION WHICH FORD PROMISED TO IMPOSE ON US SALT NEGOTIATORS WILL NOT BE DEFINED UNTIL NEXT MONTH WHEN KISSINGER VISITS MOSCOW, JOHNSTON EMPHASIZING KISSINGER'S DOMINATION OF ALL PHASES OF US FOREIGN POLICY.

2C. SUNDAY WASHPOST GETLER LOCAL REPORTED PENTAGON IS CONSIDERING EXPANDING ITS PLANNED FORCE OF MINUTEMAN III MIRVS AND DEVELOPING AN ALL-PURPOSE MISSILE THAT COULD BE FIRED FROM PLANES, TRUCK-LIKE LAUNCHERS AND UNDERGROUND SILOS, WITH BOTH PROJECTS HAVING STRONG SUPPORT IN

PENTAGON AND WHITE HOUSE FOR INCLUSION IN FY '76 DEFENSE BUDGET REQUEST NEXT JANUARY. NEW MISSILES WOULD HAVE TWO TO THREE TIMES THE "THROW-WEIGHT", COULD CARRY ABOUT 7,000 POUNDS NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES AND ELECTRONIC GADGETRY AND WOULD WEIGH ABOUT 50 PERCENT MORE THAN THE OLDER MINUTEMAN. NEW MISSILE, SIMILAR TO SOVIET'S NEW SS 19, APPEARS TO BE MEANT AS WARNING TO SOVIETS THAT DEVELOPMENT OF LARGER MISSILES WILL PROVOKE EQUAL US RESPONSE, AND APPROVAL OF NEW PROJECT WILL SERVE EITHER AS "BARGAINING CHIP" AT SALT II OR AS BASIS FOR A NEW GENERATION OF AMERICAN WEAPONRY, SAID GETLER.

2D. MONDAY NYTIMES FINNEY WASHINGTON SAYS DOD HAS BEGUN STUDY OF WHETHER TO REDUCE US STOCKPILE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN WESTERN EUROPE. DOD OFFICIALS ARGUE THAT 7,000 WEAPONS ARE NOT NEEDED TO MAINTAIN A CREDIBLE DETERRENT OR

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AN EFFECTIVE FORCE IN TIME OF WAR, BUT RATHER, THAT STOCKPILE IS SO LARGE THAT EUROPEAN ALLIES MIGHT BE SELF-DETERRED AGAINST USING WARHEADS, AND CONGRESS HAS BECOME CONCERNED OVER PHYSICAL SECURITY OF SO MANY NUCLEAR WARHEADS SCATTERED AROUND EUROPE. CURRENT STUDY WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY AMENDMENT ATTACHED TO MILITARY-AUTHORIZATION BILL BY SENATOR NUNN FREEZING NUCLEAR STOCKPILE AT ITS PRESENT SIZE UNTIL DOD HAS STUDIED THE "OVER-ALL CONCEPT FOR USE OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN EUROPE", BUT DOD OFFICIALS FIND REDUCTION OF ARMS MAINLY A POLITICAL PROBLEM WITH EUROPEAN ALLIES SEEING ANY REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF FORCES OR WEAPONS AS A REDUCTION IN THE US COMMITMENT TO PROTECT EUROPE.

3. RUSSIAN RELATIONS. FRIDAY WASHPOST MARDER ON KISSINGER

SFRC TESTIMONY SAID KISSINGER DENIED THAT A POWER STRUGGLE IS UNDER WAY BETWEEN HIM AND SCHLESINGER OVER STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS, TELLING MUSKIE THERE ARE OCCASIONAL DIFFERENCES OF EMPHASIS, KISSINGER ADDING HE SHOWED TEXT OF HIS TESTIMONY ON DETENTE IN ADVANCE TO SCHLESINGER WHO MADE A FEW MINOR SUGGESTIONS, ALL OF WHICH HE ACCEPTED. MARDER SAID KISSINGER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NO CONCRETE PROPOSAL ON A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO BE LIMITED AT SALT TWO HAS BEEN AGREED WITHIN ADMINISTRATION AND FORD WILL MAKE THESE DECISIONS PRIOR TO KISSINGER'S MOSCOW VISIT. MARDER ADDS JACKSON HAS DECIDED NOT TO TESTIFY AT HEARINGS BEFORE SFRC WHICH IS OVERWHELMINGLY FRIENDLY TO KISSINGER.

3A. FRIDAY NYTIMES GWERTZMAN REPORTED KISSINGER'S PHILOSOPHICAL STATEMENT BROKE NO SIGNIFICANTLY NEW GROUND, DESCRIBING THE ADVANTAGES OF DETENTE TO MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON AND THE OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE IN POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND

ARMS-CONTROL FIELDS. GWERTZMAN REPORTED ALSO KISSINGER'S STATEMENT FORD ADMINISTRATION HAD CHOSEN NOT TO WORK OUT A CONCRETE PROPOSAL TO SUBMIT TO RUSSIANS AT RESUMPTION OF SALT TWO, BUT TO CONCENTRATE ON WELL-KNOWN PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD BECOME CONCRETE BY NEXT MONTH'S MOSCOW TRIP.

3B. SATURDAY WASHSTAR HEADLINED FORD RENEWS BID FOR
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BREZHNEV VISIT NEXT YEAR. NYTIMES HEADLINE WAS: FORD AND GROMYKO VOW CONTINUED EFFORTS FOR MIDEAST PEACE. BALTSUN HEADED MILLS WASHINGTON, SOVIET-AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING NEAR, REFERRING TO TRADE-EMIGRATION ISSUE.

3C. SUNDAY WASHSTAR HEADLINED LOCAL AP, FORD GROMYKO TALK ON ARMS LIMIT, SAYING THE 30-MINUTE WEEKEND SESSION WAS ADDED AFTER THE TWO MEN FOUND THEIR 2-HOUR MEETING FRIDAY WASN'T LONG ENOUGH. AP REPORTED KISSINGER HAD EARLIER OUTLINED THE THRUST OF THE AMERICAN SALT POSITION BUT NOTHING DEFINITE WAS PRESENTED IN THIS EFFORT TO ESTABLISH SOME COMMON GROUND FOR MORE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS WHEN HE VISITS MOSCOW, AP ADDING IT WILL BE THERE THE TWO SIDES WILL TRY TO WORK OUT NEGOTIATING BOUNDARIES FOR THE OFFICIAL TALKS NOW MARKING TIME IN GENEVA. INGERSOLL

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